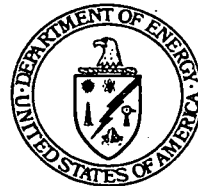




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

#### **EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RESPONDING TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION DOCUMENTS PACKAGE FOR OPERABLE UNIT 1**

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), in accordance with Section XII.G.6 of the Amended Consent Agreement, that the Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office (DOE-FEMP) intends to extend the period for an addition 20 days in responding to the U.S. EPA and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comments on the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Draft Remedial Action (RA) Documents Package.

In your review of the Draft RA Package, the EPAs identified various issues/concerns, particularly relative to the Sampling and Analysis Plan. In response to these issues/concerns, Fluor Daniel Fernald, Inc. (FDF) and IT met with the EPAs on February 25, 1999, to discuss the planned path forward for addressing the comments and revising the package. The subject extension in time to the comment period is necessary to incorporate the agreements reached at this meeting into the response to comments and into the Draft Final RA Package.

Based on the February 11, 1999, receipt of the OEPA comments by DOE, and an agreement from the U.S. EPA that the 30-day comment period commences upon receipt of the OEPA comments, the Draft Final RA Package, and the Response to Comments, would need to be submitted to the Agencies by March 15, 1999. By invoking this 20-day extension, the response to comment document and the Draft Final RA Package are due to the Agencies by April 2, 1999.

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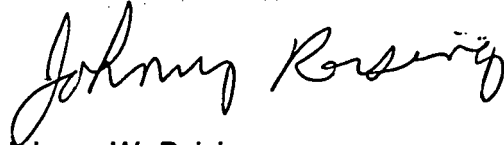
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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dave Lojek at (513) 648-3127.

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